

**An Account**  
**OF THE**  
**PROCEEDINGS**  
**AT THE**  
**SESSIONS,**

Held at Iustice-hall in the *Old-bayly*, which  
began on the 14<sup>th</sup>. of *October* last.

WITH THE  
**Tryals, Condemnation, and Execution,**  
OF

*William Prickett*  
*William Palmer,*

**With the Tryals of several other Male-**  
factors; for divers kinds of Felonies: As Thefts, Burgla-  
ries, Bigamy, Murder, receiving of Fellons, forgery, &c.

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Proceedings of the Sessions at the  
*Old-Bayly*, which began the  
14<sup>th</sup> of *October* last.

A T the Sessions holden for *London* and  
*Middlesex*, at Justice Hall in the *Old-  
Bayly*, which began upon Wednesday  
the fourteenth of *October* instant, were  
tryed several Malefactors, for divers kind of Fel-  
lonies, as Thefts, Burglaries, Bigamy, Murder,  
Receiving of Felons, Foregery, and other Offen-  
ces, some of the most remarkable of which, are  
these that follow.

One was Indicted, together with a Youth, for Stealing of a Horse, the Man was found Guilty, and received Sentence of Death, the Boy Acquitted.

A VWoman was indicted, as accessory with her Husband, for killing one with a Quart pot at *St. Giles-Cripple-gate*; it was prov'd that her Husband did strike him, but no force being proved from her, she was by the Jury Acquitted.

A Little Boy was Indicted for stealing a silver Beaker and spoon, it seemed by the Evidence that the Boy was imployed by his Master to do the Fact, who received the said plate, and melted it down, and then threatened to kill the Boy if he should discover it. The master was also Indicted for the same crime, and Convicted, but the Boy was discharged.

A VWoman was also Indicted for Bigamy, for being marryed to one Husband upon the 6th. of *March* last, and to a second upon the 9th. of *July* last, her former husband being living, but no witnesses comming in against her she was acquitted by the Jury.



A Gentlewoman came in upon bail, who was indicted, together with another for stealing a silver Tankard from a Woman in Bishops-gate-street, whither being newly come to Town she repaired to hire Lodgings, but not agreeing for them, the Woman of the house having about that time lost a silver Tankard, finds out by Inquiry where the Gentlewoman lived, and charged her with the taking of it, but upon the Tryal, it was thought to be a malicious prosecution, and the Gentlewoman was discharged.

Two men were Arraigned upon six or seven several Indictments for stealing of Cattle, as sheep, Hogs, &c. and pleaded Guilty to all their Indictments.

One was Indicted for stealing of some parcells of linnen, which the party that lost them being a Washerwoman, did swear were hers, and were found in the prisoners possession, and being asked how she knew them, she replied, by the marks, for that they were marked with N, but the prisoner very wisely to acquit himself affirmed that they were his Wives Linnen, and that the N was his wives mark, for her name was Nan: his little skill in Orthography declared that if he had come to his book he would have needed a prompter to have made a good Clerk of him:

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but he was saved from that trouble by his Jury, who brought him in not guilty.

One was indicted for breaking open a House, and stealing several pieces of Gold and Plate, and being brought to the Bar, refused to plead, till he had his Gold restored to him, which accordingly was delivered, then he pleaded to his Indictment not guilty; but the Evidence proving it against him he received sentence of Death.

Several were arraigned this Sessions for receiving of Fellons and their goods, and harbouring of them in their houses, contrary to the statute in that case provided.

You have been already presented with the Tryal and condemnation of several Malefactors, who this last Sessions had the sentence of death passed upon them, where some are reprieved, and the rest are executed this Wednesday, the 21<sup>th</sup>. of this instant *October*; it is that privilege that the mercy of our Christian Laws do allow to persons in their conditions, that after judgement hath passed upon their bodies, some care should be taken for the good of their immortal souls, nor could the greatest charity exert it self in more needful Offices, than to be helpful to such miserable Creatures, in their last exigences under those pungent remorses and confused agonies, that the Conscience

ence of their past wickedness, and the sence of an approaching Judgement must needs leave them : To this end is the Ordinary deputed, to deal with them in their last conflict with the King of Terrors; and whose wholesome advice is to be to them as *postrema Tabula post Naufragium*, the last help of their shipwrak'd lives. This Gentleman, with other Ministers that came in officiously to give their assistance in this last work, were frequently with the prisoners, during the space between this condemnation and execution, and as most suitable to this present condition, did chiefly labour to make them apprehensive of the miserable account they stood in towards their offended Maker, whose glorious name they had dishonored, and whose Laws they had violated, by their nefarious crimes, and how necessary it was in order to obtaining peace and absolution from him, and as they tendered everlasting welfare, that they should now unburden their consciences in a sincere and open confession of all that wickedness that they had been guilty of, and give glory to God by so doing that besides these more publique crimes for which they then stood condemned, they should faithfully discharge their consciences of any other wickedness or crime which they might know themselves to have been guilty of, in order to their establishment of a well-grounded peace and comfort to themselves.

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They seemed all apprehensive of the importance of these Counsels, and did accordingly manifest the expressions of true penitent souls, in hearty bewailing of their grievous offences, and earnestly desiring the prayers of all that should understand their condition, to be put up to the Throne of Grace, for mercy for them.

They were all very penitent in their confessions before they went to Execution, and we may in charity hope, that though they have been justly condemned in this World, to the Destruction of their Bodies, that they may through God's mercy be absolved in the other, for the Salvation of their souls.

*Many more*  
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